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**Alex. Gazette & Virginia Advertiser.**  
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**Alex. Gazette & Virginia Advertiser.**  
(FOR THE COUNTRY)  
PUBLISHED REGULARLY ON  
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS,  
At five dollars per annum.  
Transient advertisements inserted at \$1.00 per  
square, (eight lines or less) for first insertion,  
and twenty-five cents for each subsequent  
insertion.  
Marriage and Death Notices fifty cents. Obitu-  
aries will be charged at advertisement rates  
for notices over four lines.

## CASH PLAN ADOPTED.

The postage law, which goes into operation 1st  
of January, 1875, requires prepayment on all  
newspapers sent through the mails beyond the  
limits of the counties in which they are published.  
We have, therefore, determined to adopt the  
CASH PLAN for all subscriptions. While  
avoiding the losses, tardy payments and ex-  
penses of collection incident to the credit sys-  
tem, we will be required to prepay the postage.  
The change determined upon will, therefore,  
prove beneficial to both subscribers and publish-  
er. The former will be relieved of the postage  
tax whilst the latter will be enabled to simplify  
the operations of his business and to improve  
the facilities for conducting it.  
No name will be entered unless the subscrip-  
tion is paid for in advance.  
During the past few months every subscriber  
in arrears has been furnished, through the mail,  
with a statement of his account. Many have  
responded with remittances discharging their  
liabilities and paying in advance for the current  
year. We appeal urgently to those who have  
not made a similar response to do so without  
further delay, as after the first of January, 1875,  
we will commence to discontinue the paper to  
those who have not paid in advance. The time  
within which all in arrears can close up the bal-  
ances due and make an advance payment is am-  
ple, and we flatter ourselves that but few names  
will be dropped.

## LAWNS.

The most beautiful object in town or coun-  
try, connected with dwellings, is a rich, velvety  
lawn, kept in good condition. Unfortunately,  
country or climate is not well adapted to the  
preservation of lawns in their highest per-  
fection as we see them in England. Our sum-  
mers are usually hot and dry, and the winters  
bring frosts so severe that rich turf is dis-  
placed and the roots of grasses destroyed. We  
can, however, manage to overcome the disad-  
vantages of winter more easily than those of  
summer, as nothing can prevent the destruc-  
tive influence of the fierce rays of the sun, and  
nothing can supply the want of rain. During  
the summer of 1873 no rain fell in the New  
England States from June 23 to July 24, and  
the rich and costly lawns connected with sub-  
urban residences near this city were burned to  
a crisp. The sight was so melancholy that pleas-  
ure-riding for a time in a large measure ceased,  
and the free drives around the city were com-  
paratively deserted.

Lawns are occasionally injured in England  
by drought. The season of 1874 was specially  
severe. All over England the eye rested on  
brown fields; and Hyde Park, Battersea, Bushy  
Park, and other lovely rural retreats around  
London, lost their deep green, and were for a  
few weeks unattractive. This, however, was  
an exceptional season, and one like it may not  
occur for a dozen years.

It is possible in the country to do much to  
preserve lawns in good condition. The ground  
should be under-drained, deeply pulverized,  
and thoroughly manured before the sod is  
sown. If the land is naturally dry, under-  
ground drains aid in mitigating the effects of  
drought. The currents of moist air which are  
allowed to circulate through them in the heat  
of summer assist materially in affording sub-  
stance to grasses. If any one desires to pre-  
pare a lawn and maintain it in the best pos-  
sible condition, the preliminary work cannot  
be slighted.

During the present season we have laid down  
as a lawn about two and a half acres of ground,  
and shall add to the present autumn about  
three acres more. The land was a pasture at  
the farm upon Middle Lake Hill, where a stone  
dwelling has just been erected. It was deeply  
drowned in the autumn of 1873, and during  
the past spring it was thoroughly pulverized by  
repeated cross harrowings. After the ground  
was fully prepared, and fertilized with con-  
centrated fertilizers, the seed was sown, con-  
sisting of a mixture of white clover, red-top and  
timothy. The timothy in small quantity is an  
important addition to the seed, as it affords  
strong roots, and seems to protect the more  
tender grasses until they are vigorous enough  
to be self-sustaining.

The seed was sown on the 26th of April, and  
on the 19th of July a crop of succulent grass  
was cut, when, when dry, gave more than a  
ton to the acre. In the first cutting of lawn  
grass good judgment must be exercised. It  
will not answer to cut it too early, as the  
branching young leaves are needed to shelter  
the tender roots from the hot sun, and on the  
other hand it is injurious to allow it to be-  
come too thick and matted, as in such cases it is un-  
doubtedly well to sow with the grass seeds only,  
or summer-rye, but we prefer the unmixed  
grass seeds if they can be sown early in the  
season. Our lawn is now in a fine condition of  
luxuriance, and with care, we hope to main-  
tain it in a satisfactory condition if the seasons  
are moderately favorable.—Exchange.

**TWO TALES.**—A fight occurred at the foot of  
King street, last night, between a pointer and  
a bull dog that lasted a long time, and attract-  
ed a large crowd, who watched its progress with  
the liveliest interest. Strange to say the pointer  
won the fight, and stranger still, the bull  
dog, when it found that it was whipped, lay as  
though it were dead, until the pointer, which  
walked over it and shook it to make it get up  
and fight more, went off, when it rose hastily  
and ran off.—*Alexandria Gazette* Oct. 12.

They have got an intelligent bull-dog in  
Alexandria, Va., and the boasting among the  
inhabitants of that flourishing, but somewhat  
dull town, is something fearful to contemplate.  
The bull-dog had a combat with a fellow cur,  
and found, in the course of the conflict, that  
the aforesaid fellow cur was too much for him.  
When this fact had penetrated his cerebellum  
he fell flat and motionless to the ground. The  
victorious dog gave his prostrate foe a parting  
chew or two, and then strutted about with  
an air of importance befitting the occasion. In  
a short time he took up the line of march for  
home. As his footsteps were dying away in  
the distance, the eyes of the prostrate dog  
slightly unlosed. Seeing the victor plodding  
homeward and on the retreat he opened his eyes  
wide, and when the victor turned a corner,  
and was out of sight, the prostrate dog arose  
from the earth, shook the dirt from his gar-  
ments, and jogged home with a sarcastic  
smile.—*Boston Saturday Evening Gazette*  
Nov. 28th.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.



Nearly all diseases originate from Indigestion  
and Torpidity of the Liver, and relief is always  
promptly afforded after the Liver is Regu-  
lated in its action, health is almost invariably  
secured. Want of action in the Liver causes  
Headache, Constipation, Jaundice, Pain in the  
Shoulders, Cough, Chills, Dizziness, Sour Stom-  
ach, bad taste in the mouth, bilious attacks, pal-  
pitation of the heart, depression of spirits, or  
blue, and a hundred other symptoms, for which  
SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR is the best  
remedy that has ever been discovered. Its acts  
mildly, effectually, and being a simple vegetable  
compound, can do no injury in any quantities  
that it may be taken. It is harmless in every  
way; it has been used for FORTY YEARS, and  
hundreds of the good and great from all parts of  
the country will vouch for its being the purest  
and best.

## SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR,

OR MEDICINE.

Is harmless,  
Is no drastic violent medicine,  
Is sure to cure if taken regularly,  
Is not intoxicating, however  
Is a faultless family medicine,  
Is the cheapest medicine in the world,  
Is given with safety and the happiest results to  
the most delicate infant,  
Does not interfere with business,  
Does not disarrange the system,  
Takes the place of Quinine and Bitters of every  
kind,  
Contains the simplest and best remedies.

## FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

W. FRANKLIN CREIGHTON,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in  
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDI-  
CINES, PAINTS, OILS, DYE STUFFS,  
GARDEN SEED, &c., &c., &c.,  
No. 85 King street, (under Sarcenia Hall),  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.  
Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compound-  
ed. Orders will receive prompt attention.  
Nov 24-25

H. H. COOK, HENRY COOK.

## HENRY COOK & CO.,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in  
PURE DRUGS AND CHEMICALS, PAINTS,  
VARNISHES AND OILS,  
WINDOW GLASS AND PUTTY.  
No. 107 King street,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Prompt attention given to orders and in-  
quiries from the country. Jan 30

## ESTABLISHED 1792.

## S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

DEALERS IN  
PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES,  
CHEMICALS, PAINTS, OILS,  
VARNISHES, GARDEN SEEDS,  
SPICES, ACIDS, &c.,  
No. 5 and 7 South Fairfax st.,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Aug 2-15

SAMUEL E. JANNEY. MARION H. JANNEY.

## JANNEY & CO.,

DEALERS IN  
PURE DRUGS, LEWIS' WHITE LEAD,  
Paints, Oils and Varnishes,  
FRENCH WINDOW GLASS & PUTTY.  
No. 145 King street.  
Orders and Inquiries from the country  
promptly attended to. Sep 23-24

## JNO. A. FIELD,

MANUFACTURER OF

And Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

Cigars, Tobacco, Snuff, Pipes,

&c., &c., &c.,

No. 71 KING STREET.

Give me a call. Jan 1

## GREAT BARGAINS IN

## WALL PAPERS

GILT, SATIN AND BLANK.

Job lot and remnant of Wall Papers, suitable  
for large or small rooms.

The cheapest lot of Wall Papers ever offered  
in this city.

Call soon if you want to get bargains. They  
will be sold much below cost to close them out.

JOHN P. CLARKE,

my 15 No. 158 King street.

## KID GLOVES! — KID GLOVES!

I have just opened my Fall and Winter stock  
of Kid Gloves. My stock is the largest and va-  
riety greater than ever before offered in this city.  
All numbers, from 6 to 8 1/2, and in every shade,  
plain and stitched backs. Agent for the Jos-  
ephine Seamless Gloves, acknowledged to be the  
best Glove in the market. All prices, from \$1  
to \$2.25. Call at

Oct 12 C. C. BERRY'S, 72 King st.

## GROUND PLASTER.

A CARL—Having leased and thoroughly re-  
fitted the UNION CORN AND PLASTER  
MILL, recently occupied by Messrs. Suttle &  
Stuart, I am now prepared to furnish FINE  
and FRESHLY-GROUND PLASTER at lowest  
rates; and also CORN MEAL at lowest  
rates. T. ANTHONY in charge of  
Mill. E. H. LAMBERT, Jr.,  
Shipping and Commission Merchant,  
No. 18 Union street.  
Sep 3-4

## NEW GOODS—Received this day:

Bermuda Arrow Root, Indigo, Husband's Ma-  
gnesia, Salicine, Mason's Army and Navy and  
French Shoe Blacking, Maca, Nutmegs, Grain  
Bismuth, Soap Bark, Bichromate Potash, Cas-  
hmere Bouquet Soap, Slate Sponges, Russia  
Salve, Sea Island Twine, Canary Seed, Imported  
White and Mottled Castile Soap, Sapolio,  
Seltzer, White Mustard Seed and English Must-  
ard Soda. [Oct 10] JANNEY & CO.

## QUININE AND GLYCERINE HAIR

TONIC.

This hair wash contains the tonic and invigor-  
ating properties of Quinine, with the softening  
and moistening properties of Glycerine. It is  
intended to prevent the Hair from falling out,  
and to promote its healthy and rapid growth.  
As a dressing for ordinary toilet use, it will be  
found an elegant preparation. Just received at  
Oct 29 WARFIELD & HALL'S.

## GENTS' WHITE SHIRTS!

Closing out stock of White and Colored Dress  
Shirts at \$2 for a \$3 Shirt; \$1.50 for a \$2.50  
Shirt; \$1.25 for a \$2 Shirt. Colored Shirts at  
\$1 for a \$2 Shirt, at

Nov 16 GREEN'S NOTION HOUSE

and Hair Goods Manufactory.

## GEO. R. HILL & CO.'S PURE GRAHAM

FLOUR, Pearl Hominy and Breadcrumbs,  
Hominy, in store and for sale at market rates  
at 147 King street.

Nov 24 WM. F. BROOKES.

## CORNBERRIES, Currants, Citron and Rai-

sins, all fresh goods, just received and for  
sale at the lowest market rates, at 147 King st.

Nov 24 WM. F. BROOKES.

## COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

J. T. BECKHAM, R. C. LEE,  
late of Alexandria, Virginia.  
Beckham, Delaplaine & Co.  
BECKHAM & LEE,  
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
S. W. corner King and Lee streets,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Strict attention paid to the sale of Country  
Produce. dec 1-3m

J. C. MILBURN,

Wholesale and Retail

GROCER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT

No. 19 N. Royal st., cor. Market Space,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Orders and consignments solicited. They will  
receive careful and prompt attention. Aug 24

R. M. LAWSON,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT,

No. 69 Cameron street,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.,  
Deals in Standard Fertilizers and Grass Seeds.  
Cash advances made on Grain in store. Con-  
signments solicited. Aug 3

R. B. LAWSON & CO.,

[Successors to R. M. Lawson,]

GROCERS AND LIQUOR MERCHANT

No. 67 Cameron street,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Aug 3

B. H. LAMBERT, JR.,

(Successor to B. H. Lambert,)

SHIPPING & COMMISSION MERCHANT,

18 UNION WHARF,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Agent for PICKIN & SON'S celebrated  
brands of FLOUR, BRIDGEWATER FAMI-  
LY, BELMONT XX EXTRA and MILL-  
FEED.  
Orders and consignments solicited. Feb 18-19

LEWIS MCKENZIE, JNO. J. JAMIESON.

JNO. J. JAMIESON & CO.

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS

No. 8 South Union street,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Special attention paid to the sale of Wheat,  
Flour and Country Produce. Orders for Gro-  
ceries, Plaster, Seeds and Salt filled at market  
rates.  
Agents for PATAPSCO GUANO. [Sep 3-15]

THOMAS PERRY,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT

AND AGENT FOR

THE SALE OF FERTILIZERS,

No. 17 King street,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Aug 16-17

GEO. WASHINGTON, R. J. WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON & BROTHER,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

No. 20 UNION STREET,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Consignments of Grain, Merchandise and all  
kinds of Country Produce solicited. Special  
attention given to all business entrusted to them.  
Prompt returns made. Sep 24

W. A. SMOOT,

DEALER IN

COAL, SALT AND PLASTER

SMOOT'S WHARF,  
(Foot of Princess st.,)  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.  
Feb 21-15

HOOE & JOHNSTON.

(Successors to Fowler & Co.)

GENERAL

COMMISSION AND SHIPPING MERCHANTS.

Dealers in all kinds of

FERTILIZERS, SALT AND PLASTER

AGENTS FOR THE SALE OF THE "ROUND TOP"

LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE IN-  
SURANCE COMPANY.  
Feb 5-15

SHINN & CO

(Successors to Samuel Hartley.)

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS

No. 18 Union street,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Particular attention paid to the selling of  
FLOUR, GRAIN and all kinds of COUNTRY  
PRODUCE, and filling all orders for GROCE-  
RIES, GUANO, PLASTER, SEEDS, &c., &c.,  
at the lowest market rates.  
Agents for the sale of JAMES S. Welch's  
celebrated brand of FAMIL FLOUR.  
Agents for the sale of the "ROUND TOP"  
HYDRAULIC CEMENT. Jan 5-15

J. BRODERS & CO.

No. 11 King street,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS

Wholesale Dealers in

GROCERIES,

LIQUORS,

PROVISIONS,

SALT FISH,

and PRODUCE.

Also keep on hand a general assortment of  
Cordage, Ties, Pitch, Nails, Lime, Packing, Oil,  
Lamps and Ship, and Naval Stores.  
All orders and consignments promptly attend-  
ed to, and goods forwarded without delay to con-  
signees on arrival.  
Agents for Dupont's Gunpowder.  
XXX A and B and C in every shade.  
Agents for the Baltimore and Potomac Trans-  
portation line. mh 10-15

## CABINET FURNITURE.

JAS. F. MUIR. JOHN A. MUIR.

JAMES F. MUIR & BRO.,

[Successors to Wm. H. Muir & Son.]

Manufacturers of and Dealers in

FURNITURE,

141 and 143 KING STREET,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
A large and fine stock always on hand. Jy 31

JAMES H. DEVAUGHN,

Manufacturer and Dealer in

FURNITURE,

No. 180 King street,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
LOOKING GLASSES,  
HAIR, COTTON TUB,  
AND HUSB MATTRESSES,  
kept constantly on hand and made to order at  
reasonable prices.  
In order to secure prompt attention orders  
should be addressed to

my 18-15 JAMES H. DEVAUGHN,

No. 180 King street.

STEPHEN A. GREEN. JAMES E. GREEN.

GREEN & BROTHER'S

STEAM

Furniture Works and Saw Mill

ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Having fitted up our factory with the latest  
and most approved machinery, we are prepared  
to furnish all kinds of HOUSE, OFFICE and  
SCHOOL FURNITURE at the very lowest  
rates; and are also prepared to do all kinds of  
SAWING and TURNING, MOULDING  
PLANING and CARVING in our line.  
Wanted, in exchange for the Furniture, Wal-  
nut, Popular, Oak, Maple, Birch and Cedar  
Logs. Jy 31

40 SACKS Rio, LaGuayra and Govt. Java

COFFEES in store and for sale at lowest  
current rates by

Oct 31 J. C. MILBURN.

## GIFT CONCERT.

## POSTPONEMENT.

## FIRST GRAND GIFT CONCERT

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE

Montpelier Female Humane Association,

AT ALEXANDRIA, VA.,

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1875.

LIST OF GIFTS.

1 Grand Cash Gift.....\$100.00  
1 Grand Cash Gift.....50.00  
1 Grand Cash Gift.....25.00  
10 Cash Gifts, \$10.00 each.....100.00  
15 Cash Gifts, 5.00 each.....75.00  
50 Cash Gifts, 1.00 each.....50.00  
100 Cash Gifts, .50 each.....50.00  
1,000 Cash Gifts, .10 each.....100.00  
1,000 Cash Gifts, .05 each.....50.00  
20,000 Cash Gifts, .02 each.....400.00  
22,178 Cash Gifts, amounting to.....\$1,000.00

Number of Tickets, 100,000.

PRICE OF TICKETS.

Whole Tickets.....\$20.00  
Halves.....10.00  
Quarters.....5.00  
Eighths or each Coupon.....2.50  
54 Tickets for.....100.00  
Eleven Tickets for.....20.00

The Montpelier Female Humane Association,  
chartered by the Legislature of Virginia and  
the Circuit Court of Orange county, proposes,  
by a series of Grand Gift Concerts, to establish  
and endow a Home for the Old, Infirm and  
Destitute Ladies of Virginia, at Montpelier,  
the former residence of President Jas. Madison.  
The Association is under the control of eight  
trustees, six of whom are elected biennially by  
the stockholders and two appointed by the Gov-  
ernor of Virginia.  
References by permission: His Excellency,  
James L. Kemper, Governor of Virginia; His  
Excellency, Gilbert C. Walker, ex-Gov. of Va.;  
Hon. Robert E. Withers, Lieutenant Governor  
of Virginia and U. S. Senator elect; Hon. Robt.  
W. Hughes, Judge Eastern District of Virginia;  
Senators and Members of Congress from Virginia.

Governor's Office, Richmond, July 3, '74.  
It affords me pleasure to say that I am well  
acquainted with a large majority of the officers  
of the Montpelier Female Humane Association  
who reside in the vicinity of my home, and of  
their intelligence and their worth and high  
reputation as gentlemen, as well as the public  
confidence, influence and substantial means lib-  
erally represented among them.  
JAMES L. KEMPER, Gov. of Virginia.

Alexandria, Va., July 8th, 1874.

My personal acquaintance with a majority of  
the gentlemen controlling the Montpelier Fe-  
male Humane Association, and the reputation of  
all of them enables me to commend them as fully  
entitled to the confidence of the public. No act  
or representation inconsistent with honor and  
integrity need be apprehended in the conduct or  
representations of these gentlemen.

U. S. Judge East, Dist. of Va.

For full particulars, testimonials, &c., send  
for circular.

Remittances for tickets may be made by ex-  
press pre-paid, postoffice money order on Alex-  
andria, Va., or by register of letter, addressed  
Hon. J. A. E. BERRY, Esq.,  
President M. F. H. A., Alexandria, Va.  
Reliable Agents everywhere.  
Nov 23-15

## FINANCIAL.

## W. D. CORSE,

STOCK, EXCHANGE AND COLLEC-

TION BROKER.

Will deal in Gold and Silver Coin, State, City  
and Railroad Securities.

Will execute orders for any Stocks or Bonds  
on the Stock Boards of New York or Baltimore  
on commission.

Virginia Coupons, receivable for taxes, for  
sale.

Agent for the MUTUAL LIFE INSUR-

ANCE CO., of New York. Jy 2

BURKE & HERBERT,

Dealers in

GOLD, GOVERNMENT BONDS, LOCAL

STOCKS, AND ALL FIRST-CLASS

RAILROAD BONDS and other

good investment securi-  
ties, have for sale

VIRGINIA COUPONS, receivable for taxes,  
ALEXANDRIA CORPORATION SIX  
PER CENT BONDS, &c.

Any information in regard to investments  
cheerfully given. my 21

## NEW WINDOW SHADES AND COR-

NICES.